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By Representatives Wallace, Goodman, Hasegawa, Priest, Dunshee, Anderson, Linville, Haigh, Fromhold, Ormsby, Roberts, Kelley, and Chase

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1 AN ACT Relating to the modification of the governing boards of
2 state colleges and universities; amending RCW 28B.20.100, 28B.30.100,
3 28B.35.100, and 28B.40.100; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6 (1) College and university faculty members are subject specialists
7 with extensive experience in teaching and learning assessment, as well
8 as their specialized fields;

9 (2) College and university faculty members are frontline service
10 providers who conduct research to discover new technologies and produce
11 knowledge, design courses and curricula, assess students' development,
12 train teachers, supervise student research, and pursue grants and
13 funding for programs and projects at their institutions; their efforts
14 can affect the health, economy, and social well-being of the state, and
15 assist in the production of cultural and artistic achievements that
16 benefit citizens throughout the state;

17 (3) College and university faculty members participate in the
18 fundamental missions of their institutions by designing and monitoring

1 programs, including standards, curricula, and degree requirements, at
2 the level of department, school or college, and for the college or
3 university as a whole;

4 (4) The boards of regents and trustees of Washington's universities
5 and colleges are charged with the establishment of their institutions'
6 entrance requirements, schools, colleges, departments, and degree
7 requirements, and assess the outcomes of the use of state funds; and

8 (5) RCW 28B.10.520 stipulates that "Each member of a board of
9 regents or board of trustees of a university or other state institution
10 of higher education, before entering upon his duties, shall take and
11 subscribe an oath to discharge faithfully and honestly his duties and
12 to perform strictly and impartially the same to the best of his
13 ability, such oath to be filed with the secretary of state."

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.20.100 and 2006 c 78 s 1 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 (1) The governance of the University of Washington shall be vested
17 in a board of regents to consist of (~~ten~~) eleven members, one of whom
18 shall be a student and, beginning with the first appointment after the
19 effective date of this section, one of whom shall be a full-time or
20 emeritus member of the faculty of the university at the time of
21 appointment. The governor shall select the student member from a list
22 of candidates, of at least three and not more than five, submitted by
23 the governing body of the associated students. (~~They~~) The governor
24 shall select the faculty member from a list of candidates, of at least
25 three and not more than five, submitted by the governing body of the
26 university faculty. Board members shall be appointed by the governor
27 with the consent of the senate, and, except for the student member,
28 shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the first day of
29 October and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified.
30 The student member shall hold his or her office for a term of one year
31 from the first day of July until the first day of July of the following
32 year or until his or her successor is appointed and qualified,
33 whichever is later. The student member shall be a full-time student in
34 good standing at the university at the time of appointment.

35 (2) Six members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the
36 transaction of business. In the case of a vacancy, or when an

1 appointment is made after the date of the expiration of a term, the
2 governor shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the
3 regent whose office has become vacant or expired.

4 (3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the
5 terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of
6 September in any one year.

7 (4) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or
8 herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring,
9 discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

10 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.30.100 and 2006 c 78 s 2 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (1) The governance of Washington State University shall be vested
13 in a board of regents to consist of (~~ten~~) eleven members, one of whom
14 shall be a student and, beginning with the first appointment after the
15 effective date of this section, one of whom shall be a full-time or
16 emeritus member of the faculty of the university at the time of
17 appointment. The governor shall select the student member from a list
18 of candidates, of at least three and not more than five, submitted by
19 the governing body of the associated students. (~~They~~) The governor
20 shall select the faculty member from a list of candidates, of at least
21 three and not more than five, submitted by the governing body of the
22 university faculty. Board members shall be appointed by the governor,
23 by and with the consent of the senate and, except for the student
24 member, shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the first
25 day of October and until their successors are appointed and qualified.
26 The student member shall hold his or her office for a term of one year
27 from the first day of July until the first day of July of the following
28 year or until his or her successor is appointed and qualified,
29 whichever is later. The student member shall be a full-time student in
30 good standing at the university at the time of appointment.

31 (2) Six members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the
32 transaction of business. In the case of a vacancy or when an
33 appointment is made after the date of the expiration of a term, the
34 governor shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the
35 regent whose office has become vacant or expired.

36 (3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the

1 terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of
2 September in any one year.

3 (4) Each regent shall, before entering upon the discharge of his or
4 her respective duties as such, execute a good and sufficient bond to
5 the state of Washington, with two or more sufficient sureties,
6 residents of the state, or with a surety company licensed to do
7 business within the state, in the penal sum of not less than five
8 thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his or
9 her duties as such regent: PROVIDED, That the university shall pay any
10 fees incurred for any such bonds for their board members.

11 (5) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or
12 herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring,
13 discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

14 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.35.100 and 2006 c 78 s 3 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 (1) The governance of each of the regional universities shall be
17 vested in a board of trustees consisting of (~~eight~~) nine members, one
18 of whom shall be a student and, beginning with the first appointment
19 after the effective date of this section, one of whom shall be a full-
20 time or emeritus member of the faculty of the respective university at
21 the time of appointment. The governor shall select the student member
22 from a list of candidates, of at least three and not more than five,
23 submitted by the governing body of the associated students. (~~They~~)
24 The governor shall select the faculty member from a list of candidates,
25 of at least three and not more than five, submitted by the governing
26 body of the university faculty. Board members shall be appointed by
27 the governor with the consent of the senate and, except for the student
28 member, shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the first
29 day of October and until their successors are appointed and qualified.
30 The student member shall hold his or her office for a term of one year
31 from the first day of July and until the first day of July of the
32 following year or until his or her successor is appointed and
33 qualified, whichever is later. The student member shall be a full-time
34 student in good standing at the respective university at the time of
35 appointment.

36 (2) Five members of the board constitute a quorum for the
37 transaction of business. In case of a vacancy, or when an appointment

1 is made after the date of expiration of the term, the governor shall
2 fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the trustee whose
3 office has become vacant or expired.

4 (3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the
5 terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of
6 September in any one year.

7 (4) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or
8 herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring,
9 discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

10 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.40.100 and 2006 c 78 s 4 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (1) The governance of The Evergreen State College shall be vested
13 in a board of trustees consisting of (~~eight~~) nine members, one of
14 whom shall be a student and, beginning with the first appointment after
15 the effective date of this section, one of whom shall be a full-time or
16 emeritus member of the faculty of the college at the time of
17 appointment. The governor shall select the student member from a list
18 of candidates, of at least three and not more than five, submitted by
19 the student body. (~~They~~) The governor shall select the faculty
20 member from a list of candidates, of at least three and not more than
21 five, submitted by the college faculty. Board members shall be
22 appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate and, except
23 for the student member, shall hold their offices for a term of six
24 years from the first day of October and until their successors are
25 appointed and qualified. The student member shall hold his or her
26 office for a term of one year from the first day of July and until the
27 first day of July of the following year or until his or her successor
28 is appointed and qualified, whichever is later. The student member
29 shall be a full-time student in good standing at the college at the
30 time of appointment.

31 (2) Five members of the board constitute a quorum for the
32 transaction of business. In case of a vacancy, or when an appointment
33 is made after the date of expiration of the term, the governor shall
34 fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the trustee whose
35 office has become vacant or expired.

36 (3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the

1 terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of
2 September in any one year.

3 (4) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or
4 herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring,
5 discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

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